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**U.S. CHARGES SON OF FORMER IRAQI DIPLOMAT WITH WORKING
IN NEW YORK AS AN AGENT OF IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and KEVIN P. DONOVAN, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), announced the unsealing in Manhattan federal court of a criminal Complaint today charging RAED ROKAN AL-ANBUKE, a/k/a "Ra'id Al Anbuga," a/k/a "Raed Rokan," a/k/a "Raed Al-Anbaki," ("RAED AL-ANBUKE") with acting in New York as an agent of the Iraqi Intelligence Service ("IIS").

Federal law requires individuals who are acting as agents for foreign governments to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States. As alleged in the Complaint, however, RAED AL-ANBUKE never has registered with the United States Government as an agent of Iraq.

According to the Complaint, the IIS, or "General Intelligence," known in Arabic as the Da'irat al-Mukhabbarat al-

'Amma, or the "Mukhabbarat," is the foreign intelligence arm of the Government of Iraq. The IIS has multiple missions, including foreign intelligence collection, counterintelligence and covert action. The IIS also has played a role in terrorist operations, including the attempted assassination of former President George H.W. Bush, and attempted bombings during Operation Desert Storm. Additionally, the IIS has located, intimidated and killed Iraqi defectors and dissidents living abroad.

The Complaint alleges that RAED AL-ANBUKE is a son of Rokan Al-Anbuke, the former Deputy Permanent Representative to the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations ("IMUN"), who also worked covertly for the IIS during his tenure in the United States.

According to the Complaint, RAED AL-ANBUKE has had contact since January 2001 with several Iraqi diplomats whom he knew to be intelligence officers in the IIS. Moreover, the Complaint alleges that the FBI has learned that these officers included:

a. A former Chief of the IIS Station in New York who operated under alias and diplomatic cover as a Counselor to the IMUN. The Station Chief was barred from re-entry into the United States by the Department of State due to his intelligence activities.

b. A known intelligence officer who formerly operated under alias and diplomatic cover as an attache/guard to the IMUN,

and who operated as acting Chief of the IIS Station in New York after the Station Chief left the United States.

c. A known intelligence officer who formerly operated under alias and diplomatic cover as an attache/guard to the IMUN and who also served as Acting Chief of the IIS Station in New York. This officer, it was charged, was part of the Hostile Activities Branch ("HAB") of the IIS. The HAB's role was to identify and neutralize opposition to Saddam Hussein's rule.

d. The former Chief of the IIS Station in New York who operated under alias and diplomatic cover as a Counselor to the IMUN and who was declared by the Department of State in June 2002 to be *Persona Non-Grata* due to his intelligence activities in the United States.

The Complaint alleges that RAED AL-ANBUKE was an agent of the IIS, working in New York under the direction of IIS Officers, including one who was in the United States to kill a former Iraqi government official. This plot, however, was never carried out.

The Complaint also alleges that RAED AL-ANBUKE was tasked to purchase a miniature camera by one of the IIS Officers and to locate the son of another former Iraqi government official. In addition, it is charged, that from approximately July 2001 through January 2003, the FBI met several times with

RAED AL-ANBUKE regarding his contacts with members of the IIS. According to the Complaint, in those meetings and interviews, RAED AL-ANBUKE confirmed that he had been tasked to purchase a camera that was approximately the size of a cigarette lighter. The IIS often conducts physical surveillance of targets, and the use of miniature cameras would, as alleged in the Complaint, support such operations.

RAED AL-ANBUKE also told the FBI that an IIS Officer utilized RAED AL-ANBUKE's cellular telephone to make calls. According to the Complaint, foreign intelligence officers often use this technique as a tactic to evade electronic surveillance by the United States government.

The Complaint alleges that the FBI has learned that RAED AL-ANBUKE facilitated a meeting between one of the IIS Officers and the family of an Iraqi dissident now living in the United States.

In addition, the FBI has obtained a videotape of a birthday party at the IMUN honoring Saddam Hussein. This videotape shows RAED AL-ANBUKE socializing with known IIS officers.

The Complaint alleges that on March 27, 2003, RAED AL-ANBUKE, after having been read and having waived his Miranda rights, admitted, among other things, that he was aware of the

identities of the IIS officers who operated under diplomatic cover and alias in the United States and that he had been asked to provide the location, employment and family status of eight Iraqi expatriates in the United States. RAED AL-ANBUKE stated that he provided such information about 4 of these individuals to the IIS.

Mr. COMEY praised the investigative efforts of the FBI in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL M. PURPURA is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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